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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 April 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 11-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 11-13, 16, 19 and 25-31 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 14, 15, 17, 18 and 20-24 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 11-13, 16, 19 and 25-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Huddleston et al (US 4,819,833).

As to Claim 11, Huddleston et al discloses a fuel system for an internal combustion engine operating with a liquid fuel and comprising: a fuel reservoir (5) intended for the liquid fuel; and an additive reservoir (15), said additive reservoir (15) including a chamber formed in a concave recess of a wall of the fuel reservoir, wherein said concave recess is concave on a face of said wall that faces outside said fuel reservoir (15). **See figures 2 and 3.**

As to Claim 12, Huddleston et al discloses wherein an additive is intended to be added to the fuel, and wherein the chamber communicates with the fuel reservoir by an opening (18, 19) provided through the fuel reservoir. **See figures 2 and 3, an opening provided through the fuel reservoir.**

As to Claim 13, Huddleston et al discloses wherein the chamber includes a system for metering the additive from the chamber into the fuel reservoir, via the opening (18, 19), the metering system including a pump (31) and an injector (40) passing through the opening (18, 19).

As to Claim 16, Huddleston et al discloses wherein the chamber is closed by a lid made of a same material as that of the fuel reservoir.

As to Claim 19, Huddleston et al discloses wherein a reservoir for the fuel is manufactured, of which a wall has a recess that is concave on its outer face; a lid (3) is manufactured; the lid (3) is hermetically attached to a peripheral edge of the concave recess, so as to form the chamber; an additive is introduced into the chamber before or after the lid is attached; and the chamber is connected to a system for metering the additive before or after the additive is introduced into the chamber.

As to Claim 25, Huddleston et al discloses a fuel system for an internal combustion engine operating with a liquid fuel and comprising: a fuel reservoir (5) for the liquid fuel; and an additive reservoir (15) including a chamber formed in a recess of a wall of the fuel reservoir (5), wherein the chamber communicates with the fuel reservoir by an opening (18, 19) provided through the fuel reservoir. **See figures 2 and 3.**

As to Claim 26, Huddleston et al discloses wherein said fuel reservoir (5) includes said liquid fuel, and said additive reservoir (15) includes an additive to be added to said liquid fuel via said opening (18, 19).

As to Claim 27, Huddleston et al discloses wherein said additive comprises a catalyst for combustion of carbonaceous material produced during combustion of said liquid fuel.

As to Claim 28, Huddleston et al discloses wherein the chamber includes a metering system that meters an amount of additive communicating between the chamber and the fuel reservoir via said opening (18, 19).

As to Claim 29, Huddleston et al discloses wherein said metering system includes a pump (31).

As to Claim 30, Huddleston et al discloses wherein said metering system includes an injector (40).

As to Claim 31, Huddleston et al discloses wherein said recess is concave on a face of said wall that faces outside said fuel reservoir (5).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 14, 15, 17, 18, 20-24 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 11-31 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Denis et al (US 6,269,802) discloses fuel tank. Levison (US 5,295,610) discloses mixing can having a hinged cap with an integral measuring cup. Gouzou et al (US 6,422,266) discloses liquid transferring assembly, in particular for fuel additive. Fromont (US 6,851,396) discloses on-board fuel feed system for a motor vehicle.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HYDER ALI whose telephone number is (571)272-4836. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:30-5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Kirk Cronin can be reached on (571) 272-4536. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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